

State of Mississippi

Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce

Agriculture Fact Sheet Greenhouse Tomatoes 2014



- Nearly 100 commercial Mississippi growers.
- A typical 24 x 96 foot greenhouse will hold 600 plants and will yield an average of 25-30 pounds of fruit per plant annually. Typically, two crops can be grown each year, one in the spring and another in the fall. However, some growers prefer to grow only a spring crop or just a winter crop to complement the schedule of other farm operations.
- Beginning growers should consider building one greenhouse and operating it for at least a year in order to gain experience. Each greenhouse requires an average of 20 hours of labor per week averaged over the entire crop. This growing process is labor intensive but provides an excellent opportunity for part time growers and those with limited acreage.
- Greenhouse tomato production is currently one of the most rapidly growing sectors of agricultural enterprise in the state. The most common variety of greenhouse tomatoes is "Trust."
- The Truck Crops Branch Experiment Station in Crystal Springs, Mississippi carries out research and extension programs for growers seeking advice and solutions to production problems.
- Each year, Mississippi State Extension Service puts on a national conference for greenhouse tomato growers. For information, visit the website at <http://greenhousetomatosc.com>
- More information about growing greenhouse tomatoes can be found at <http://msucares.com/crops/comhort/greenhouse.html>

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